

our special subcommittee of the Banking, Commerce and Insurance Committee met and we have only the use of the Banking Committee's legal counsel that has been doing a study for months on the investigation of American Savings and Loan in Omaha and State Securities Bank here in Lincoln. And we've had to get by with just what we have. It is getting to the point now where we are wondering whether or not we could continue without hiring outside help. Initiative 300, well, I know it is important across the state. This resolution...it would seem to me if you have the staff that is appointed to do the study, what are they going to do? I mean, if you appoint 6 people, and the Governor appoints 6, that is 12 people. What will they actually...how will they actually be involved, in reading what somebody else has done? Or will they actually get in there and have to dig up the facts is what I'm...I guess I'm asking you, Senator.

SENATOR BEUTLER: I think in part, Senator Higgins, it is going to depend on how the study is structured. If it involves public hearings, obviously, the senators are going to be involved in public hearings. To the extent that it involves a review of legal questions, I imagine that they are going to have to have a lawyer that they trust review that for them, and then they are going to have to participate in meetings discussing the material that the lawyer comes up with.

SENATOR HIGGINS: But don't we have any lawyers in the Research Department to do that?

SENATOR BEUTLER: Well, in our Research Department we have no lawyers.

SENATOR HIGGINS: We have no lawyers...

SENATOR BEUTLER: We may have one lawyer, but it is not just a question of having a lawyer, it is a question of having research help available. There are four people in our Research Department and they've made commitments on a large number of projects already to individual senators.

SENATOR HIGGINS: What about the librarians?

SENATOR BEUTLER: Librarians?